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SYSTEM INCLUDING MULTIPLE
MASS STORAGE DEVICES

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2)	U.S. patent application no. 11/296,966, entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Converting a Standalone Network Storage System Into a Disk Drive Storage Enclosure," filed on December 7, 2005, of Brad A. Reger et al.

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